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(b) whether it is a fact that the above matter was brought to the notice of the Government; and

(c) if so, what the action taken thereon was?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (a) No such instructions were issued by the Sub-Collector, Ongole, in 1950.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Does not arise."

The Romperu drainage scheme.

* 467 *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the delay in the execution of the Romperu drainage scheme;

(b) how long it will take to complete the scheme; and

(c) whether the Government have got any proposal to utilize the water from this drain for irrigation purposes?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Alleged discharge of certain blind people from the School for the Blind.

* 468 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many blind people were recently discharged from the School for the Blind in Madras run by the Government, and if so, what were the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education) :—" Thirteen inmates of the Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee, were expelled from the school for gross misconduct and unruly behaviour. Two of them have since been readmitted on their giving an assurance of good behaviour in future."

Resettlement in the South Arcot district.

* 469 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Aranganathan is not in his seat and the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the Government propose to take up the resettlement work in the South Arcot district; and

(b) in how many districts of this State the settlement work is in force?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Government do not propose to take up the resettlement work in the South Arcot district pending a decision regarding the general resettlement policy of the Government which is under examination.

" (b) Settlement operations are now in progress in some of the estate areas taken over under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, in the districts of Krishna, Nellore, Chingleput, Chittoor and Ramanathapuram."

Collection of market rates for poramboke lands.

* 470 Q.—SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have passed orders that market rate should be collected from those ryots who are in possession of poramboke lands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have ordered that all lands which would have normally been sold in public auction or assigned on payment of market value, should hereafter be assigned on payment of market value or sold in public auction whichever is advantageous to the Government. Under the above orders, such of the poramboke lands which are valuable would be sold in auction or assigned on payment of market value."

Engineers working in Food Production Schemes.

* 471 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri K. T. Kosalram, is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of executive engineers and assistant engineers, districtwar, who were working in Food Production Schemes in 1950–51; and

(b) how many are working now?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Retrenchment in the Civil Supplies Department.

* 472 Q.—SRI T. NAGI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Civil Supplies Department staff as a whole or a major portion thereof is sought to be disbanded;

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 792 infra.